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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US-AUSTRALIA USER CHARGE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WHILE DEPT RECOGNIZES POSSIBILITY THAT GOA WILL NOT BE ABLE HOLD MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON USER CHARGES IN EARLY FEBRUARY, DEPT IS INCLINED TO PRESS GOA TO HOLD TALKS ON FEBRUARY 2-3 FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. QUESTION OF USER CHARGES HAS BEEN PENDING FOR A LONG TIME AND NOW THAT SECRETARY TRANSPORTATION HAS MADE FINDING UNDER INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT, DEPT IS OBLIGED UNDER THAT LAW TO "PROMPTLY UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS" WITH GOA.

B. WHILE GOA MAY BE SINCERE IN STATING IT CANNOT HOLD
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MEANINGFUL TALKS IN EARLY FEBRUARY, REASONS GIVEN COULD

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ALSO BE A CONVENIENT EXCUSE TO CONTINUE DEFER RESOLUTION.

C. USDEL UNLIKELY BE ABLE RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FOR TALKS FOR SOME TIME (AND WE ASSUME AUSTRALIANS WILL NOT COME TO WASHINGTON).

2. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS CONGEN OR EMBASSY PERCEIVE STRONG OBJECTION, CONGEN SHOULD PRESENT FORMAL REQUEST AND PRESS FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2 AND 3. YOU MAY CITE PROVISIONS OF US LAW, STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURES NOT TO DELAY MATTER FURTHER, AND FACT US CIVAIR DELEGATION WILL BE IN AREA IN ANY EVENT.

3. FYI. WE WOULD RATHER HOLD MEETING EVEN IF IT IS LIKELY THAT PRODUCTIVE RESULTS NOT POSSIBLE. END FYI.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. USDEL LEAVES ON SOUTH PACIFIC TRIP WEEK OF JAN. 12. ROBINSON

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